



HUMANE EDUCATION PROGRAM REACHES OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

“Teaching Children Kindness & Responsible Pet Guardianship”

GREENSBORO, NC, MARCH 20, 2010 – The Humane Society of the Piedmont has a program entitled “Humane Education” that is comprised of various modules of education on animal advocacy and the humane treatment of animals. A popular module for kindergarten, elementary and middle schools, “Teaching Children Kindness & Responsible Pet Guardianship”, has been presented at multiple schools so far.

This Human Education program module offers children an opportunity for hands-on, personal contact with a trained, domesticated dog while the Humane Educator teaches them about appropriate contact with animals. The Humane Educator discusses being kind to animals, how to allow a domesticated pet get to know you, how to spot a nervous animal that should not be approached, methods of training pets, how to care, feed and groom a pet, and other important points children need to know to both protect themselves while showing respect to other living creatures.

Recently, Keagan, a Blue Merle Australian Shepherd, spent an afternoon at Lindley Elementary School in Greensboro, NC, doing all of the above with two kindergarten classes. After the Humane Educator covered the basics, Keagan stood patiently while the children took turns petting him and getting to know him while appropriate grooming techniques were demonstrated.

Ginny Wiltsey, Executive Director of The Humane Society of the Piedmont and one of the Humane Educators, said, “This program is one of many community outreach programs with the ultimate purpose of educating the public about the humane treatment of animals. We believe the community can be made a better a place for animals if the education starts early, so reaching out to schools, churches and recreation centers is a logical first step.”

If you would like to know more about this program and other HSP programs, please visit the web site at www.hspiedmont.org. If you are interested in scheduling this Humane Education for your school, church or other organization or in becoming an HSP volunteer, please contact the HSP at 336-299-3060 or email director@hspiedmont.org . If you would like to help this much needed program to continue and grow donations can be made via the website www.hspiedmont.org or by calling the HSP.

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